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Status Report Offered at Huntley on Wetlands Restoration

Members of the public are invited to hear the latest information available regarding the Huntley Meadows Park Central Wetland Restoration project at a meeting set for Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Groveton Elementary School located at 6900 Harrison Lane in Alexandria, VA.

The wetland restoration project is making progress. The year-long project will pick up pace this spring as the weather warms up. Burgess and Niple, Inc., project consultants, continue with the first phase of the project. Current activities include a topographical survey, hydrologic/soils analysis, vegetation mapping and evaluation of wetland management alternatives.

Phase two project activities will include an environmental assessment, public meetings, design/construction plans, necessary permitting, creation of a wetland management plan and water level control structures, as necessary.

The consultant will provide results of the phase one work at the public forum. For more information about the meeting contact Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525 or the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

Huntley Meadows Park contains 1,425 acres of diverse habitats including wetlands, meadows and mature forest. Its animal residents include fox, deer, beaver, otter and over 200 species of birds. There is a two-thirds mile boardwalk through the wetlands that leads to an observation tower.

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